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EVENT and COMMENT.

The failure of the Piedmont and Arlington Life Insurance Co., seems by the very mystery of the sparse details to mean a preity good smash up. It has been in a rheumatic condition for some the president thinks that the condition for some line to mean a preity good smash up. It has been in a rheumatic condition for some line the condition and incovered by profit of the government alterest to all political parties. Through this division something like an honest ballot will be secured and the rights of all respected. The President thinks that the covered by profit of the government alterest to all political parties. Through the covered by profit of the government alterest to all political parties. Through the coinage of silver bullion. These are the only financial recommendations in the Message, and as all respected. The President thinks that five years or so.

Can these dry bones live? may be asked as to Ex-Governor Joe, E. Brown of Georgia, elected to the U.S. Senate. He too will take a little wilder range than the average Bourbon Democrat, seeing that the "sun do move."

Gen. Joe E. Johnston received a se vere injury by falling and striking his head on the stone steps of his residence in Washington, the morning of Thanksgiving day. Gen. Scott said of him, he was "an able soldier, but confound him he always gets shot." True enough, but he does not get killed.

Speaking of the Fulkerson-Smith affair at Abingdon, the Va. People says "Smith seemed to have bit off more'n he could chaw."

Capt. John S. Peck, of Giles county, writes that the S. V. R. R. cannot come down Sinking creek in that county without tunnelling at very great expense. The true route is down Big Stoney, thence down New River to and up Wolf creek. A branch, he says will be necessary via East River and Laurel Creek to the great eleven foot coal seam on Bluestone. But we should think if they ouce go up East River, they would make that the main line to Jeffersonville and on down the Clinch Valley.

the census of 1880 has not yet been off- minds thoroughly disabased by reading Rockbridge, cannot estimate his salary cratic Congress. by any other standard than the census of 1870. The Va. Judges have their

By-the-way, it is a curious point that Garfield is now elected to the three most coveted political positions, viz: Cougressman, from his District, U. S. Senator, and President of the "Nation."—

ject, and points in illustration to the improvement made in the administration of relieving the extraordinary pressure
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of the supreme Court, for the purpose and the Supreme Court, for the purpose of relieving the extraordinary pressure
cars was brought to a stop.

The cause of this sudden He can take his choice of the three, not the New York Post Office. having resigned either.

Jay Cooke is about to pull through, and will be able to pay all his debts.— But many a man who followed him in the fall he inaugurated in 1873, will never rise and float again. Like Adam, he had many followers in his misfortune. There are three subjects that are outside We presume Adam recovered, but there of the routine report of pleasant relations was many a descendent of his who did with other countries. The part relating

There are 1100 seats in the Stock Exchange, New York, and these are sold at from ten to twenty thousand dollars gress last spring, which in effect, recomeach. Each member pays an initiation mended the restoration of duty on Catter of \$1000, and at his death as family adian fish and fish oil. The recommen receives \$10,000.

in Chicago that "Hampton was a fool when he said we were fighting for the same principles for which we fought un- Congress. The full reports of the inder Lee and Jackson." He may be right vestigations of our consuls and the betin this very charitable construction, but ter channels indicated by them for a the Bristol News adheres to its original President to recommend legislation for opinion that he was drunk.

Mr. Edgar Darwin, of St. Louis, who has made some important investments at sidies, but he does approve of giving lib-Big Stone Gap, has been for a couple of eral mail contracts to pioneer merchant weeks at the Thomas House, and has couraging an industry which he thinks paid several very welcome visits to this through an unwise policy is now lanoffice. He is a gentleman of fine intelli- guishing. gence and we hope he will become a permanent citizen of Bristol.

We have been shown a very neat map, the work of Prof. T. D. Walthall, representing the narrow-gauge route from the subject when the full text of the Bristol to Elizabethton. The map shows treaties is received at the State Departthe barometric elevations of the country ment. The point of these treaties is givtraversed and is an exceedingly neat and ereditable job. The distance is about 20 first treaty is a modification of the Burmiles and, aside from the bridge over, lingame Treaty, and solves satisfactorily the South Fork of Holston, the line will be one both cheaply and easily construct-

The President's Message - Summary of its Principal Features.

and placed in charge of postmasters for delivery to-morrow upon receipt of a telegraphic message from Mr. Rogers, the President's private secretary. The message is the longest State paper sent to Congress by President Hayes. It starts out with a review of the present condition of the country and dwells at financial chapter. He takes up the hiscondition of the country and dwells at some length upon the rapid growth of our national prosperity, our bountiful erops and sound financial system, and predicts still greater prosperity for the future. The President incidentally mentions the growth of education through-out the country and the necessity of fostering it by proper legislation, and fur-ther, when reviewing the report of the Commissioners on Education, gives some details of a plan approved by him for the further development of educational fa-

THE SOUTHERN QUESTION. The Southern question is treated at considerable length. The President expresses satisfaction with the outlook of affairs in the Southern States. He believes that the South is steadily advancing in the direction of political freedom and toleration, and that before long the ballot in that section will be as free as in the North. He also expresses the be-lief that the era of bloodshed on account of political differences has passed, and points to the fact that there is now less intimidation and violence in the South bloodshed era has been succeeded by an of interpresenting the real strength and disposition of the colored man, but white be is cheated in this way his physical dollar. The only recommendation upon 'sent.—Alexandria tiexetts.



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rights are beginning to be almost uni- this subject also comes from Secretary versally respected. The next stage in Sherman and relates to the coinage of Southern development will soon come. the silver dollar so that it will contain This will arrive through divisions in the | enough silver to make it equal in value white ruling element and when to the present market value of the gold the divisions come the negro dollar. The cost of recoinage would be will be an object of protection and in- covered by profit of the government alall respected. The President thinks that education in the South will ultimately Sherman, for the President's approval, restore the harmony between the sections and raise the negro to a plane of ble in Secretary Sherman's report, for, development where he will be able to aside from the financial chapter, his reprotect himself. It is in this portion of the Message that the President may be view of reports of his subordinates, all said to review his administration.

THE MORMON QUESTION.

Upon the Mormon Question the Pres-Ident uses plain language and urges Congress to adopt such measures as will secure the speedy abolishment of that evil.
The President says that the fact that so large a community has been permitted to live in open evil in defiance of the laws of the United States and of morality, is a national disgrace, and one that should be remedied without delay. Congress is called upon to give early and earnest attention to this subject, that the form to the same laws and regulations | made. that govern the rest of the country. The President suggests to Congress that if under the present organization of the Territory that its entire system of local government should be reorganized with a view of providing a swift and speedy method of prosecuting and properly punishing all who persist in practising Polygamy. Those who have credited the President with having become converted in a measure to looking with leniency upon Mormon practices through Attorney Gen'l Field decides that as his recent visit west will have their

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The Salem Conservative, presses, types, fixtures and building are to be sold under a foreclosure between Christmas and New Year.

The next subject discussed is one that will not attract great public attention. It is devoted to what the President is pleased to call civil service, and is one of the longest chapters in the Message. The financial chapter is the only other one that approaches it in length. theory Mr. Hayes believes in appointing Major Swaim, an intimate friend of good men to office and continuing them during good behavior. He believes, al-

FOREIGN RELATIONS. He then takes up the subject of our foreign relations, as presented by the State Department, and reviews the condition of affairs between the government to England gives the current history of the North American fisheries question, and repeats the views of the President in a special message that he sent to Condation of the Secretary of State in re gard to improving our commercial rela-Capt. John 8. Wise writes to some one tions by the co-operation of the entire consular service as agents in promoting the interest of American commerce, are earnestly commended to the attention of the development of our merchant ma-

The President does not believe in sub-

THE NEW CHINESE TREATIES.

The next subject of special interest in our foreign relations consists of a recital gar from cornstalks. of the appointment of the Chinese Commission and its work. The President promises to send a special message on emigrate, and was willing to meet our Commission more than half way in all restrictions upon Chinese immigration to this country suggested by the Countries on. The point of the second treaty relates entirely to commerce; but as the State Department has not got the text of The President's annual Message has the document the Message briefly sumbeen mailed to all the principal cities and placed in charge of postmasters for try increased commercial facilities, with

tory of the Treasury Department during his administration, and embodies in his Message Secretary Sherman's review of the history of specie resumption. The President devotes considerable attention to the subject of refunding, but in this he merely follows Secretary Sperman's calls upon Congress to take steps to refund the \$700,000,000 of bonds that fall due next year, and dwells upon the fact that a better time for refunding could not be found than now. The country is prosperous. Business throughout the country is on a sound basis, while there is a great excess of capital in business centres that would gladly seek a government loan in a much lower rate of interest than any of those now out standing. The president does not mention the rateof interest that he would advise in a jentiary for one year. His term, with-bond for refunding. There is no reference to 3.65's at 316 or 3 per cent, bends, He believes that the rate of interest is a matter for Congress to arrange, and, as Secretary Sherman made no suggestion to the President on the subject of the than a year over the time for which he the rate of interest, it is fair to presume that the Secretary makes no recommenthan was practiced a few years ago. The dation as to the rate of interest in his annual report. There is no recommenfraud and misrepresentation dation to Congress for the withdrawal of era of fraud and misrepresentation dation to Congress the legal teyder character of greenbacks, through tissue ballots and other devices the legal teyder character of greenbacks,

it in reality embodies all that is desira-

of which have been published. THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

Under the head of the War Department, which comes next, the President only makes one strong recommendation and that is in most earnest approval of States are absolutely in a defenseless patch. condition, and in the event of foreign trouble incalculable damage could be done to our commercial interests before people of Utah may be required to con- the first steps of a real defence could be The President calls upon Conthere is no way of reaching polygamists | cral appropriations to remedy this great | that must be our excuse, dear reader, for

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT. The Navy Department gets but a short chapter, and this for the reason that Secretary Thompson asked for but little to be inserted in the message. He speaks in Eulogistic terms of Secretary Thompon's management and approves of the Secretary's plan for the encouragement of our merchant marine, already alluded to under the head of the State Department. The same suggestion by the Postmaster General is also approved .-He does not endorse Mr. Maynard's suggestions. He recommends only the debility. It is simply wonderful the adoption of a post office savings bank effect your medicines have had upon me. scheme, but says nothing about the postal telegraph.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. Under the head of Department of Justice the President speaks of the Attorney General's recommendation that a sufficient amount be appropriated by Congress for the payment of the deputy marshals. He also recommends that Congress pass some bill authorizing the establishment of an intermediary court between the United States Circuit courts and the Supreme Court, for the purpose the President does not even discuse and does not mention it in the message, Attorney General Devens, in an elaborate manner, urges upon Congress the prooriety of national supervision of the ballot in all national elections, and re commends that Congress take the post tion that in national elections State lines are not to be considered and that national authority be directed to protect the ballot box from fraud and intimida tion in all sections of the country. The President, while agreeing with the idea of General Devens on this subject, did not think it best to incorporate this recommendation in the message,

THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT. The Interior Department is given quite a long chapter. The President reviews Secretary Schurz's policy toward the Indians with great approval, and thinks that his plan for educating the Indian, so that he can take care of himself, the only true solution of the Indian He calls upon Congress to give aid in the way of appropriations to encourage this plan, which looks to the establishment of the Indian upon lands of his own, breaking up of all tribal relations and the gradual withdrawal of financial support upon the part of the government. Following this review of the departments Mr. Hayes has a specially good word to say for the work of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and speaks of the success of Mr. Le Duc in his experiments for the growth of tea in this country and the manufacture of su-

The President next alludes to the report of the Commissioner of, Education. The chief point of this paragraph of the message is the President's recommenda tion that the remainder of the public lands of the country be set aside for the education of illiterate persons of all sec tions. This would result, the President says, in giving most of it to the South where the greatest illiteracy prevails,-The education of this class, both white and black, would have a tendency to place the two sections upon a closer intellectual level, and consequently in a closer bond of union.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. Then follows the closing chapter of Mr. Hayes' last annual message. Mr. Hayes last alliantal incomes relates entirely to affairs of the District of Columbia. No President has eve of Columbia. taken more interest in the District than Mr. Hayes. The Improvement of the gress to appropriate in one sum money enough to do the entire work in one year. The President estimates \$3,000. 000 as ample to do this work. He calls upon Congress also to make necessary ppropriations to continue the work of he Washington monoment. He then lwells upon the necessity and advantage of taking up two railroad depots of this ity and removing them from the govempent reservations that they now disfigure and then consolidating them into a union depot, outside of all proximity to the reservations and public parks,-New York Herald.

False Imprisonment in the Pen-

itentiary. James Williams, (colored), of thiselty was convicted in 1878, at the April term of the Corporation Court, of petit larce ny, and, it being his second offence, was sentenced to imprisonment in the peniby the State for good behavior, expired about the 1st of April, 1879, but he was detained, through some mistake of the prison authorities, until May, 1880, more

Mr. A. W. Armstrong, counsel for Williams, has presented to the Board of Directors of the penitentiary, and which is now under consideration by that Board a claim for compensation for the time

Paxing Raticoads.

Whenever a non-taxable railroad is sold out under a deed of trust it becomes liable to taxation, if we understand aright a decision rendered last Monday by the Supreme Court of the United on appeal from Supreme Court of Ten-nessee. The Supreme Court of the tions-which ore prepared by the best ana (93 U. S. 217), in which it was decided that immunity from taxation is not such a franchise of a railroad corpo-ration as would pass by sale under mortgage on "the property and franchises of a company," The "franchise" of exemption from taxation thus disappears in a cloud. The original company has it. As long as they own the railroad it

remains a valuable privilege. But, pres-to, change! theo give a deed of trust, General Wright's late report upon the necessity of strengthening our coast defences. At the present time all of the great commercial ports of the United an important decision,—Richmond Dis-

Forgetfulness of People.

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HUMOR.

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The cause of this sudden "fetch up" struggling. The most pronounced fea-ture of Attorney General Devens' report green parasol, who had planted herself quarely in front of the engine, and was making the most frantic signals for it to "What's the matter: on thing on the

rack?" asked the engineer, excitedly. "Nothing but me," said the old lady

"Has there been a smashup? Is then there a drawbridge open? "Don't poke fun at me, young ma n: I ants to see the proprietor?" "The what?" "The man who runs this thing-the

ptain-or whatever you call him." Whot do you want with the conduc "None of your business. I want to e the head man-the boss-and to

"Well, ma'am," said the functionary unning up, watch in hand, "What' You go through Chicago, don't

"Why, of course. What is it ?" "Know my son Blil-Bill Skinderson there?"

"No. For heaven's sake get off the rack, you old-" "Don't sass me, you red nosed gorilla or I'll inform on you. Deary me,

thought everybody knew my boy Billominent man there-runs the bigges ruit stand in town, and-hands off, you aseal. Don't dare to tech me. I'l ove when I'm a good ready."
"Well, harry up, What do you "Oh? I thought you'd change you

me. Well, I wish you'd just stop over day or two at Chicago and look up Bill and tell bins that little Marial se's jandara have kinder worker aund into fits, and theres more hopes She's correr-

"Start her up Jinnie?" yelled the fu ous conductor; and if the old lady mdn't hustled her skirts and humped herself she would have had a first-clascase of damages against the company.After that she stood apopletic with rage slinking her parasol at the disappearing train, and announcing her determina tion to go right over and see Governor Standard the very nature the dishes were washed.—San Francisco Post.

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